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SUBJECT: LOS - POSSIBLE VISIT TO ALGERIA BY AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON

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1. BOTH MOHAMED ABERKANE, CHIEF OF NORTH AMERICAN AND WESTERN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS AT FOREIGN MINISTRY, AND MOHAMED MEDJAD, DIRECTOR JURIDICAL AND CONSULAR AFFAIRS AND RANKING GOA LOS EXPERT RESPONDED POSITIVELY TO IDEA OF AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON'S VISIT; MEDJAD COMMENTED THAT IT "VERY GOOD IDEA".

2. WE DOUBT THAT DIALOGUE AT HIGH LEVEL WILL CHANGE SUBSTANCE OF ALGERIAN VIEWS. THESE VIEWS ARE DEEPLY INGRAINED AND RESPOND TO ALGERIANS' VIEW OF THEIR INTERESTS. IT IS NOT ONLY MEDJAD AND COMPANY WHO ARE HARD LINE. SAME VIEW PERSISTS AT UPPER LEVELS OF GOA, AS WITNESSED BY COUNCIL OF REVOLUTION AND MINISTERS CHANGE IN TEXT OF CONSTITUTION TO STRESS "EXCLUSIVE" ALGERIAN JURISDICTION OVER COASTAL ZONE. (ALGIERS 179).

3. NEVERTHELESS, PERSONAL HIGH LEVEL VISITORS HAVE HAD MODERATING INFLUENCE ON ALGERIAN ACTIVISM ON ISSUES IN PAST, FOR EXAMPLE, FORMER
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SECRETARY KISSINGER ON MIDDLE EAST, A FORMER UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON ON CIEC, AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON ON PUERTO RICO. IN THIS CONTEXT WE BELIEVE AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON VISIT COULD HAVE BENEFICIAL IMPACT.

4. WE NOTE THAT PROPOSED TIMING OF VISIT WILL GIVE AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON ONLY ONE WORKING DAY IN ALGIERS,

AS APRIL 29 IS ALGERIAN WEEKEND AND MAY 1 ALGERIAN HOLIDAY.
SOME ALGERIANS HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO TURN SUCH OCCASIONS INTO
FOUR-DAY WEEKENDS.

5. IF DEPARTMENT WISHES FOLLOW-THROUGH ON VISIT PLEASE
ADVISE. WE WILL THEN SUBMIT DIPLOMATIC NOTE FORMALLY
REQUESTING GOA CONCURRENCE. WE WOULD SUGGEST APPOINTMENTS
WITH PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE AND WITH FOREIGN MINISTER
BOUTEFLIKA, IN LATTER CASE PROBABLY SETTling FOR
FOREIGN MINISTRY SEC GEN BENHABYLES AS BOUTEFLIKA
NORMALLY RECEIVES ONLY FOREIGN MINISTERS. IF DEPARTMENT
CONCURS, WE ALSO PLAN TO ASK ALGERIANS FOR
SUGGESTIONS AS TO WHAT OTHER GOA MINISTERS IT WOULD BE
USEFUL FOR AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON TO SEE. LYNE

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